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SUBJ:UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

1. PRESS SECRETARY EMILIO ABRAS ANNOUNCED TODAY AFTER A CABINET MEETING THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SEP 23. NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT WILL TAKE OFFICE ON OCT 12 AND FINISH THE 4 YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN MAY 25.

2. PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT LASTIRI EMPHASIZED THAT THE ELECTIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR SEP 2 BUT HAD TO BE DELAYED FOR REASONS OF ORGANIZATION. (COMMENT. AS AN AMUSING SIDELIGHT, AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HE HAD HEARD IT WAS BECAUSE THE PRINTER'S UNION INSISTED THEY COULD NOT COMPLETE THE BALLOTS IN TIME.)

3. ABRAS ALSO STATED THAT A RUN-OFF ELECTION WILL BE HELD IF NO ONE CANDIDATE GETS MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE VOTES CAST. HE STATED FURTHER THAT THE ELECTION WILL BE DIRECT RATHER THAN BY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM WHICH HAD BEEN MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. IRONICALLY, DESPITE PREVIOUS NOISES TO THE CONTRARY, THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT WILL USE THE LANUSSE GOVERNMENT'S ELECTORAL LAW AS THE BASIC FORMAT FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS.

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